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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/PIC  
FROM : CH/PAD  
SUBJECT : Comments on NSCID #8

1. At the earliest moment the confusion between "Photographic Intelligence" and "Photographic Interpretation" should be cleared up. Letters I have seen, e.g., from the Chairman of the National Estimates Board, come addressed to the Director, National Photographic Intelligence Center. In NSCID #8, Paragraph 1, page 1, refers to "foreign intelligence exploitation of photography". Paragraph a, page 1, speaks of "no complete separation of interest is possible or desirable in photographic intelligence activities". Other references are as follows:

Paragraph b, page 2: speaks of both photographic interpretation and photographic intelligence.

Paragraph c, page 2: speaks of "a coordinated interdepartmental approach to the exploitation of photographic intelligence".

Paragraph d, page 2: speaks of "photographic intelligence analysis".

Paragraph e, page 2: speaks of "Certain photographic intelligence functions can be best performed as a central service of common concern----".

Paragraph 2a, page 3: "National Photographic Interpretation Center".

Paragraph 2a (2), page 3: "photographic intelligence production".

Paragraph g, page 5: "The NPIC shall engage in or sponsor, as appropriate, the development of specialized equipment for the intelligence exploitation of photography, -----".

Paragraph 3, page 6: "-----shall coordinate photographic intelligence activities within his parent organization with the National Photographic Interpretation Center".

2. Will there be confusion between the names NPIC (Navy-Suitland) and NPIC (National PIC)?

NSC review(s) completed.

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3. Paragraph 2b, page 3: A directive should stipulate in what form "foreign intelligence related photography" is to be supplied to NPIC. Just in the form of paper prints would not be desirable. A second generation DP should be required.

4. Paragraph d, page 4: The term "finished intelligence" should be well defined so that AF, Army, Navy, etc., are all on the same wave length.

5. Paragraph f, page 5: "Photographic data" should be spelled out. Does this mean a file on all known photography? Does it include plots, negs, DPs, etc. ----specifically what will NPIC file?

6. For efficiency in manpower CIA Departmental requirements should be handled at NPIC. Should this function be separated from NPIC, another pool of PI's would have to be created specializing in GM, NE, Electronics, BW-CW, etc. Since many joint projects overlap departmental needs in varying degree, this would lead to additional photo requirements, additional equipment, additional collateral support, additional administrative support, etc., and good coordination to obtain agreement between PI's at NPIC and PI's performing departmental work elsewhere. With all CIA PI's at NPIC flexibility is maximized in that as workload dictates, manpower can be shifted to joint work or to departmental work. This point seems to be covered in Para. 2e (p. 5 NSCID #8) which states "The NPIC shall also furnish such additional support to departmental and agency interests as can be provided without degradation of activities (Joint)."

7. Within NPIC it is understood that CIA, Army, Navy, AF will have their own areas and the use of a common joint project working area. In view of this, is there any plan for PAD to incorporate military billets within the PAD organization?

8. It is strongly recommended that the Joint Working Area of NPIC be retained under administrative control of PAD. Contrary to what it may seem, this is not a question of "empire building . [ ] and I have discussed this question in detail and feel that PAD should administer the Joint Working Area. Rather than add 2 or 3 people to RS or some other group to run the Joint Area, it is recommended that 1 or 2 personnel be added to PAD/ESS. So much is involved in keeping such an area running smoothly, and from experience we believe that PAD should retain this function.

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